

inherited ideals, to which he clings tenaciously. What was good enough for his great-grandfather is good enough for him. His ideal of woman is based on tradition and on the customs of barbarism, refined and softened through the centuries into a form that flatters his vanity and appeals to his chivalry. The woman that does not measure up (or down) to his ideal is, in his estimation, not a woman. He, and not she, gives the measure of what womanhood should be. And sometimes he cites the authority of the Almighty to support his contention. In fact, this kind of man is perfectly sure of the Lord's intentions regarding woman and he is "sober" and complacent in the belief that she was created especially for his personal benefit. She must be "content to be a woman and to remain one," according to his interpretation of the term.

This was in accord with which he opposed the education of the female sex. The same argument was used in the endeavor to prevent the establishment of property rights for women. It has been his slogan in every attempt to better the condition of women and girls. A woman interests herself only in him and in the concerns of the four walls he calls his own, she is a woman after his own soul. If her heart goes out to his homes, to all children, to all who need aid and protection, the victim of economic injustice, of the white slave traffic, of individual license and parental neglect, of inefficient and insufficient law—she is—well, according to him, she is not a woman.

Thank you, then, to the other grade of manhood, typified by the men of broad mind and large vision who see the real needs of humanity and who recognize the necessity of a long pull and a strong pull, all together, men and women, in order to insure the best possible health and healthful life conditions. Some one has said that every good thing has been condemned in its day, and that every innovation has had to struggle for its life. So with equal success.

But the sun of a better enlightenment has risen; the world is rapidly awaking to a realization of woman's rightful place in the economy of human life. Neither opposition nor ridicule can prevent the fulness of the beauty of the new day to break upon the world; and among the morning stars of the rising dawn, none shine brighter than Clara Barton, woman, ministering angel—suffragist.

GRACE VERNON

Richmond.

Such Letters Make Working Worth While.

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch.

Sir,—The editorial of yesterday is in issue of your paper, "Man's Lost Title," is insignificant. It surpasses anything I have ever printed in my long time in any paper. Every sheet in the land has commented on this appalling disaster but not one that I have seen has thanked the men who have rendered editorial solemnity and grandeur of your editorial.

W. E. MONEY.

O Titanic

O Titanic! Titanic! you symbol of strength,

Against the natural forces your endurance had no length;

You, ill-fated giant, were an atom or less

When a simple mass of congealed water bore down on thee.

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